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SUBJ: OAU COMMITTEE VISIT FRONTLINE STATES

1. ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) ANNOUNCED THAT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEES OF OAU "COMMITTEE OF TEN" ON ASSISTANCE TO FRONTLINE STATES BEGAN WORKING VISIT TO BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA APRIL 10, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL APRIL 21. MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS DESCRIBED AS EFFORT TO GATHER FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON PREVAILING SITUATION IN ABOVE COUNTRIES FOLLOWING "UNWARRANTED SERIES OF AGGRESSION AND DEVASTATION COMMITTED BY ILLEGAL RACIST IAN SMITH GOVERNMENT AGAINST THESE AFRICAN STATES." OAU MISSION IS LED BY TOGOLESE FONMIN KODJO AND WILL HAND OVER TO THREE COUNTRIES FROM OAU SPECIAL FUND OF LIBERATION COMMITTEE TOKEN DONATION TOTALLING ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

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2. MILITARY SUB-COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF ALGERIA, CAMEROON AND LIBERIA WILL ASSESS VARIOUS MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OF FRONTLINE STATES TO "COUNTER SMITH'S AGGRESSION." ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF EGYPT, GUINEA-BISSAU AND TOGO WILL STUDY AND RECOMMEND HOW OAU CAN OFFER ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THESE

STATES. OAU AS AN INSTITUTION HAS BEEN INEFFECTUAL
TO DATE IN MEETING NEEDS OF FRONTLINE STATES IN ECO-
NOMIC AND MILITARY FIELDS AND IS UNLIKELY TO IMPROVE
ITS RECORD GREATLY IN FUTURE. HOWEVER, OAU HAS HAD
GOOD SUCCESS IN PROMOTING POLITICAL INTEREST OF
SOUTHERN AFRICAN STATES AND "COMMITTEE OF TEN" COULD
BE EXPECTED TO EMPHASIZE THIS ASPECT OF ITS VISIT IN
EFFORT TO GENERATE ASSISTANCE FROM THOSE COUNTRIES
MORE ABLE TO PROVIDE IT.
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